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I finde no proportion betwix your courtiers and
my necessities, w^{ch} maketh me at this time to
augment my thanks for the increase of your
courtiers, w^{ch} I should have done by my servant,
but that haste would not suffer me.

I have lately received letters out of England,
but they have bin twenty daies in cominge, otherwise
I had had the death of my son Duke more fresh.
Yet in regard the Prince desires to knowe the truth
I have thought good to lett him knowe by you how
it is given mee by letter. that is. That upon
the 23th of August. about ten of the
clocke in the morninge, Lieutenant Bolton
holing up the hanginge with the left hand, stabbed
the Duke with the other, as hee came out of
one roome into the other, after steppinge three
steps further hee fell downe, and binding it
with an oath, said, O Villou thou hast kild
me. And although there were many in
the chamber yet no man took notice of
the actor; In so much as whildest all
men stood amazed at that unexpected act he
himselfe on the shippe aside, and might have
escaped if hee had not confessed himselfe to be
the man, and soe offered himselfe to be taken

By a paper found in his hatt, it appeared that
he expected to have been slain in the place;
and therefore writ therein to this purpose.
That he would not have himselfe condemned for
doing that act, and condemned all others,
that they had not done it sooner; and professed
all cowards that would not expose themselves
to all danger, for the good of their king &
and country, and subscribed all this with
his own hand; or to this purpose, when of copies
are frequently seen in euery mans hand, as
he likewise some fragments of his examinations;
wherein he confesseth that besides some particular
wrongs, which he had received from the Duke;
that he was perswaded especially to do
this act, by reading the remonstrances that the
Parliament had made; and the generall apprehen-
-sion is, that by reason the Duke denied him
his demand of a dobt of 90⁰⁰ sterling, for his
Journey to Calis and to Pirie, and for that he did
not succeed his Captains in his place when he did.
His mother and sister are likewise committed to
Newgate, vppon suspicion had, of their knowinge
some such resolution.

The day before this action, a great mutinie was
begonne amongst the mariners, when one of them
offered to lay hold on the Duke

I pray remember my services to Mon^r Witt and let
him know that Mountague is consecrat^d.
Bisshop of Chester; it was before the day
before the Duke's death, and if it had first
bin known, hee would have bin content wth a
Deanrie.

They further generally apprehend^d this great
action that a faire opportunity is offered
to his Ma^{ty}. to make a peace with all his
great and potent enemies abroad, and to be
reconcil^d, to his subjects at home.

It is thought his Ma^{ty} will bestow the M^rs
the Horse, and my lord of Holland, and
the Admiralls place, when his Ma^{ty} list.
Sailors know that hee would make an Admirall
worth shew^{ing}, most of them then cryd an
Essex, an Essex; But I cannot believe
euer a whit that hee shall have it any thing
the sooner. This is rather for confirmation
of a former, than to give it as noveltie. And
so I rest

Your most affectionat^e
friend to doo you services.

Wm. Brouncker

Rotterdam this 20th
of August. 1620
old stile.

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den Groetkruis en de Princes d'Orangie

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